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EXAMINER:

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For:

RECYCLING HYDROXYLAMINE-CONTAINING STRIPPER SOLUTIONS

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of August 29, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A marked up version indicating the changes made in the respective paragraphs of the specification is found in Appendix II.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 2 and amend Claims 1, 4 to 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 16, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix III attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix IV.